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(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

**Buddhist Centre**

6559. SHRI VIJOY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a delegation of National Park Services visited Rajgir (Bihar) and other Buddhist Centres this year;

(b) whether the said delegation has submitted any report to the Government for the development of buddhist centres; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and especially for the development of the Rajgir and Nalenda?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. An eight member team from National Park Service, USA visited places of Buddhist interest in Bihar during November, 1990.

(b) and (c). The National Park Service, USA is preparing the final concept plans for development of the Bodhgaya Region including Nalanda and Rajgir. When the concept plans are ready, they would be submitted by the National Park Service to the Government of India.

**Import of Equipments by Air India**

6560. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether orders worth about Rs. 12 crores have been/are being placed by the Air India with Messrs. Lintas Corporation Salinas, California-a firm reportedly having been declared "Financial Condition Unbalanced";

(b) if so, the details of equipments sought to be imported and to what use it is proposed to be put to; and

(c) the reasons for spending such a huge foreign exchange in clearing this deal by the Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). A letter of intent amounting to Rs. 4.02 crores, has been issued to Lintas Corporation for the import of Cargo loaders and Cargo transporters, which are not manufactured in India. Letter of Intent for an amount of Rs. 1.62 crores has also been placed with their Indian Collaboraters viz. Usha Telehoist Ltd.

The equipments are used for loading/off-loading of containers/pallets on the wide bodied aircraft. These are also used for handing of Air India flights and flights of other airlines at various airports in India.

Air India have safeguarded their interests as payments will be made only after the equipment are inspected and despatch exfactory is made, and the equipment are commissioned.

**12.00 hrs**

[*English*]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA (Bankura): Sir, today more than two thousand Railway workers and employees are holding Dharna at Boat Club. They are demanding the reinstatement of the dismissed Railway employees. This issue was raised in this House, in this session, twice, by the hon. Members of this House. It was assured by the Railway Minister that the reinstatement of the dis-

missed Railway employees would be sympathetically considered and would be sent to the Cabinet for its approval. Again on 21st August, the Railway Minister made a statement on the floor of this House that the issue of the reinstatement of dismissed Railway employees has been sent to the Cabinet for its approval.

Sir, already 20 days have elapsed. These dismissed Railway employees are out of jobs for more than eleven years. A few of these employees have already died. Many of them are starving. The Railway Minister is here. May I know from the Railway Minister as to when these dismissed Railway employees who were dismissed in January, 1980 and who are numbering more than 600 would be reinstated, as the order was passed by the previous Government? May I know from the Minister, who is here, when this reinstatement would be made? When these Railway employees would be reinstated? Both the Ministers of Ministry of Railways are here.

Sir, the Railway Minister can tell the House. This is the demand of the entire House. There are no two opinions in this. The entire House is unanimous on this. These employees are out of jobs for eleven years. They should be reinstated. They should be brought back to their jobs. May I know from the Minister to tell this House of the action he is going to take? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE( Bolpur): Sir, when this issue was raised earlier, you have been pleased to make an observation that we should accept the sympathetic approach as a commitment. That commitment is not being fulfilled. He says he has referred to Cabinet. When the Cabinet will take a decision? (*Interruptions*)

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Sir, this demand has been going on repeatedly during the course of reply to the last Budget debate and later on also. I want to inform my friends that they don't need to bring any more pressure, no need for dharna. I have made my recommendation to the Cabinet formally. Once it comes before the Cabinet, it can be attended to.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE: Favourably? (*Interruptions*).

(*Translations*)

SHRI MOHAN SINGH (Deoria): Mr. Speaker, Sir, as a matter of fact, I do not want to raise these questions time and again in the House as they fall under the jurisdiction of the Government. But we have certain compulsions. One of our friends, Mr. Sharda Prasad Rawat was assassinated yesterday and even before his dead body was consigned to flames, a murderous assault was made on Shri Chhote Lal Yadav, another colleague of ours. Today Morning. I talked to doctors on telephone who say that he is still not out of danger. His condition is very critical. One of the brothers of our sitting M.L.A. from Ghaziabad constituency was killed. I do not want to blame anyone. But I want to say this much that both Shri Sharda Prasad Rawat and Chhote Lal Yadav worked with Mr. Kalyan Singh in the U.P. Cabinet during 1977. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA (South Delhi): He has referred to the Chief-Minister by name (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Sir, they have withdrawn the security to all the leaders. There is an organised attack on political leaders. Don't allow these things to happen in this country. (*Interruption*).

There is an organised attack, they have